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## DEGETTE: REPORT FINDS BUSH ABANDONING PLEDGE TO COLORADO KIDS

DENVER, CO – As President Bush prepares to submit his budget to Congress on Monday, February 2, Democratic Floor Whip **Diana DeGette** (CO-01) called on the President and Republicans in Congress to keep their word to the children and parents of Colorado and fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act. Since the signing of this bipartisan education reform act two years ago, the President has proposed about **\$17 billion less** for education than was promised in the legislation, shortchanging millions of the Colorado's children.

"Colorado's teachers, administrators and parents are working extremely hard to improve the education and accountability in our state's schools," Rep. DeGette said. "The President and the Republican Congress have abandoned their promise to give Coloradoans the tools they need to make these improvements. Instead of getting the money Colorado needs to meet the standards set by No Child Left Behind, all that Colorado's kids have gotten is a lesson in broken promises."

A report prepared by the Office of the Democratic House Leader and the Democratic Appropriations Committee Staff found that, for the current year, **schools in Colorado will get \$96 million less** than promised by the law. This under-funding includes:

- \$53 million less for aid to poor school districts in Colorado through the Title I program;
- \$12.7 million less for children with disabilities Colorado through the IDEA program;
- \$6.5 million less for after-school programs in Colorado;
- \$3.9 million less for training and hiring Colorado teachers; and
- \$8.8 million less for "Impact Aid" to Colorado school districts with high percentages of military families.

"For two years, the actions of President Bush and the Republican Congress have spoken much louder than their words on education policy," Rep. DeGette said. "I will continue to fight for a budget that reflects Colorado's Main Street values, including reducing the federal deficit and providing the funding our schools need to ensure our kids get quality educations, over more budget-busting giveaways to Wall Street."

- Editor's Note: Report Attached -

FY 2004 Omnibus Shortchanges  
America's Children  
By Underfunding Key Education Priorities  
*A State-by-State Report*  
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And the Democratic Staff of the House Appropriations Committee

## **FY 2004 OMNIBUS SHORTCHANGES AMERICA'S CHILDREN BY UNDERFUNDING KEY EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

President Bush has signed into law a FY 2004 funding bill that shortchanges many of the key promises made to parents and children in the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Act. Overall, the FY 2004 Omnibus Appropriations Act underfunds the No Child Left Behind Act by about \$8 billion, and provides the smallest percentage increase in education funds in eight years. Whether it's improving teacher training, demanding that all students make progress, funding after-school centers, or helping the children of military personnel, Republicans talk about accountability while failing to provide the necessary resources. Under the GOP budget, massive tax cuts have crowded out education priorities. As a result, the FY 2004 Omnibus Appropriations Act cuts education funding for America's children by about \$9 billion below the levels authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act and the IDEA Reauthorization Act, with key cuts highlighted below.

### **OMNIBUS SHORTCHANGES TITLE I**

- **Underfunding The Cornerstone of The No Child Left Behind Act – Title I.** Title I is the primary federal program that helps school districts enrolling low-income children meet the new accountability mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). To help raise the academic performance of these students, Congress agreed to phase in increased Title I payments. For FY 2004, NCLB authorizes \$18.5 billion – and yet the Omnibus provides only \$12.3 billion. As a result, under the Omnibus, America's children will lose \$6.2 billion in Title I grants below the amount called for by NCLB.

### **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE LEFT BEHIND**

- **Omnibus Breaks Promise GOP Made on IDEA Funding.** On April 30, 2003, Republicans passed H.R. 1350, IDEA Reauthorization, which promised a \$2.2 billion increase for IDEA grants in FY 2004 to help local school districts educate children with disabilities. And yet the Omnibus provides only a \$1.2 billion increase. As a result, under the Omnibus, America's children with disabilities will lose \$1.0 billion in IDEA grants below the level promised in the Republican-backed IDEA Reauthorization Act.

### **OMNIBUS DENIES AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Shortchanging After-School Learning Opportunities.** NCLB authorizes \$1.75 billion in FY 2004 for after-school centers, which provide safe places between 3 and 6 p.m. where children receive academic help and enrichment activities. And yet the Omnibus provides only \$999 million. As a result, under the Omnibus, America's children will lose \$751 million in After-School Program funding below the level called for by NCLB.

### **OMNIBUS UNDERFUNDS TEACHER QUALITY GRANTS**

- **Failing to Fund A “Highly Qualified” Teacher in Every Classroom.** The No Child Left Behind Act authorizes \$3.3 billion in FY 2004 for Teacher Quality Grants to the states – which are used to provide high-quality professional development to teachers. And yet the Omnibus freezes funding at \$2.9 billion. As a result, under the Omnibus, America's teachers will lose \$351 million in Teacher Quality Grants below the level called for by the bipartisan NCLB.

### **OMNIBUS UNDERFUNDS SCHOOLS NEAR MILITARY BASES**

- **Omnibus Leaves Military Dependents Behind.** The Impact Aid program helps children of military personnel receive a quality education – yet the Omnibus provides only \$1.1 billion, not enough to address the severe financial challenges facing many impacted school districts. As a result, under the Omnibus, America's children will lose \$592 million in Impact Aid grants below the level authorized.

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**LOSS OF FUNDS IN THE FY 2004 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT COMPARED TO  
NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND AND IDEA AUTHORIZED AMOUNTS**

State	Title 1	IDEA	After School	Teacher Quality	Impact Aid	Language Acquisition
Alabama	-\$90,159,000	-\$16,319,000	-\$10,957,000	-\$5,846,000	-\$9,591,000	-\$280,000
Alaska	-\$18,651,000	-\$3,005,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$5,914,000	-\$143,000
Arizona	-\$103,893,000	-\$15,032,000	-\$13,063,000	-\$6,174,000	-\$25,762,000	-\$2,687,000
Arkansas	-\$52,109,000	-\$10,463,000	-\$6,708,000	-\$3,442,000	-\$4,041,000	-\$258,000
California	-\$897,877,000	-\$105,809,000	-\$103,074,000	-\$46,659,000	-\$63,035,000	-\$25,270,000
Colorado	-\$53,724,000	-\$12,731,000	-\$6,570,000	-\$3,900,000	-\$8,886,000	-\$1,150,000
Connecticut	-\$47,076,000	-\$11,871,000	-\$6,003,000	-\$2,856,000	-\$3,865,000	-\$858,000
Delaware	-\$19,024,000	-\$2,754,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$595,000	-\$119,000
District of Columbia	-\$27,871,000	-\$1,385,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$5,509,000	-\$137,000
Florida	-\$313,342,000	-\$54,375,000	-\$34,588,000	-\$17,072,000	-\$32,252,000	-\$5,608,000
Georgia	-\$179,344,000	-\$26,426,000	-\$22,012,000	-\$9,991,000	-\$16,872,000	-\$1,773,000
Hawaii	-\$22,133,000	-\$3,474,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$11,525,000	-\$349,000
Idaho	-\$21,726,000	-\$4,675,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$1,753,000	-\$254,000
Illinois	-\$264,900,000	-\$46,156,000	-\$31,059,000	-\$12,976,000	-\$13,082,000	-\$4,337,000
Indiana	-\$79,376,000	-\$23,259,000	-\$9,692,000	-\$5,291,000	-\$1,328,000	-\$695,000
Iowa	-\$28,745,000	-\$10,742,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$2,347,000	-\$546,000	-\$380,000
Kansas	-\$39,460,000	-\$9,755,000	-\$4,650,000	-\$2,761,000	-\$2,807,000	-\$548,000
Kentucky	-\$80,876,000	-\$13,737,000	-\$9,729,000	-\$4,847,000	-\$2,566,000	-\$300,000
Louisiana	-\$137,446,000	-\$16,159,000	-\$15,628,000	-\$7,504,000	-\$5,351,000	-\$376,000
Maine	-\$24,095,000	-\$4,815,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$2,692,000	\$0
Maryland	-\$83,239,000	-\$18,210,000	-\$9,702,000	-\$4,542,000	-\$31,730,000	-\$873,000
Massachusetts	-\$109,587,000	-\$24,977,000	-\$12,858,000	-\$6,373,000	-\$4,861,000	-\$1,570,000
Michigan	-\$196,518,000	-\$38,113,000	-\$23,343,000	-\$10,192,000	-\$5,092,000	-\$1,128,000
Minnesota	-\$48,599,000	-\$16,703,000	-\$5,987,000	-\$4,215,000	-\$5,764,000	-\$987,000
Mississippi	-\$74,900,000	-\$10,450,000	-\$9,253,000	-\$4,753,000	-\$6,096,000	-\$178,000
Missouri	-\$86,720,000	-\$19,987,000	-\$10,708,000	-\$6,318,000	-\$1,205,000	-\$494,000
Montana	-\$21,215,000	-\$3,330,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$4,401,000	\$0
Nebraska	-\$24,473,000	-\$6,570,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$2,370,000	-\$329,000
Nevada	-\$33,472,000	-\$5,653,000	-\$3,821,000	-\$1,987,000	-\$10,600,000	-\$794,000
New Hampshire	-\$16,999,000	-\$4,175,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$161,000	-\$103,000
New Jersey	-\$121,540,000	-\$31,803,000	-\$15,073,000	-\$7,431,000	-\$10,297,000	-\$2,936,000
New Mexico	-\$57,223,000	-\$8,318,000	-\$6,670,000	-\$3,138,000	-\$15,092,000	-\$906,000
New York	-\$663,703,000	-\$66,794,000	-\$72,760,000	-\$24,425,000	-\$55,819,000	-\$8,084,000
North Carolina	-\$136,573,000	-\$27,898,000	-\$16,504,000	-\$8,838,000	-\$17,014,000	-\$1,488,000
North Dakota	-\$17,407,000	-\$2,237,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$1,707,000	\$0
Ohio	-\$196,105,000	-\$41,541,000	-\$23,130,000	-\$11,755,000	-\$7,116,000	-\$1,075,000
Oklahoma	-\$64,236,000	-\$14,012,000	-\$8,097,000	-\$4,219,000	-\$29,161,000	-\$496,000
Oregon	-\$62,150,000	-\$12,327,000	-\$7,807,000	-\$3,366,000	-\$2,300,000	-\$856,000
Pennsylvania	-\$216,905,000	-\$41,143,000	-\$25,070,000	-\$11,659,000	-\$11,495,000	-\$1,496,000
Rhode Island	-\$23,281,000	-\$3,848,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$2,168,000	-\$299,000
South Carolina	-\$80,773,000	-\$15,427,000	-\$9,714,000	-\$4,834,000	-\$14,676,000	-\$419,000
South Dakota	-\$21,202,000	-\$2,664,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$1,020,000	-\$65,000
Tennessee	-\$97,394,000	-\$21,659,000	-\$11,811,000	-\$6,421,000	-\$7,547,000	-\$495,000
Texas	-\$547,824,000	-\$82,315,000	-\$65,765,000	-\$30,106,000	-\$28,945,000	-\$11,963,000
Utah	-\$23,599,000	-\$9,328,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$2,185,000	-\$8,316,000	-\$667,000
Vermont	-\$16,159,000	-\$2,156,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$63,000	\$0
Virginia	-\$88,397,000	-\$25,700,000	-\$11,579,000	-\$6,318,000	-\$45,712,000	-\$1,154,000
Washington	-\$78,621,000	-\$19,332,000	-\$9,963,000	-\$5,590,000	-\$18,958,000	-\$1,577,000
West Virginia	-\$46,364,000	-\$6,682,000	-\$5,599,000	-\$2,290,000	-\$79,000	\$0
Wisconsin	-\$78,020,000	-\$18,549,000	-\$9,176,000	-\$4,585,000	-\$6,198,000	-\$789,000
Wyoming	-\$17,113,000	-\$2,262,000	-\$3,680,000	-\$1,726,000	-\$2,820,000	\$0

*Note: The Omnibus level refers to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, and includes a 0.59% governmentwide across-the-board cut.  
Source: House Appropriations Committee Minority Staff, with the assistance of the Congressional Research Service, based on data provided by the U.S. Department of Education.*

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State	State Assessments	Innovative Education	Education Technology	Safe and Drug Free Schools	Total Loss
Alabama	-\$1,767,000	-\$2,937,000	-\$4,920,000	-\$3,831,000	-\$146,607,000
Alaska	-\$306,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$37,219,000
Arizona	-\$2,103,000	-\$3,841,000	-\$5,866,000	-\$3,777,000	-\$182,198,000
Arkansas	-\$1,065,000	-\$1,794,000	-\$3,011,000	-\$1,767,000	-\$84,658,000
California	-\$14,443,000	-\$25,095,000	-\$46,280,000	-\$34,929,000	-\$1,362,471,000
Colorado	-\$1,716,000	-\$3,017,000	-\$2,949,000	-\$2,179,000	-\$96,822,000
Connecticut	-\$1,321,000	-\$2,359,000	-\$2,695,000	-\$1,450,000	-\$80,354,000
Delaware	-\$305,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$31,997,000
District of Columbia	-\$176,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$44,278,000
Florida	-\$5,768,000	-\$10,343,000	-\$15,530,000	-\$11,971,000	-\$500,849,000
Georgia	-\$3,362,000	-\$5,885,000	-\$9,883,000	-\$7,798,000	-\$283,346,000
Hawaii	-\$464,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$47,145,000
Idaho	-\$580,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$38,188,000
Illinois	-\$5,059,000	-\$8,590,000	-\$13,946,000	-\$8,952,000	-\$409,057,000
Indiana	-\$2,459,000	-\$4,234,000	-\$4,352,000	-\$1,250,000	-\$131,936,000
Iowa	-\$1,164,000	-\$1,879,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$346,000	-\$51,481,000
Kansas	-\$1,119,000	-\$1,848,000	-\$2,088,000	-\$1,805,000	-\$66,841,000
Kentucky	-\$1,557,000	-\$2,465,000	-\$4,368,000	-\$2,579,000	-\$123,024,000
Louisiana	-\$1,928,000	-\$3,134,000	-\$7,017,000	-\$5,468,000	-\$200,011,000
Maine	-\$492,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$41,294,000
Maryland	-\$2,141,000	-\$3,685,000	-\$4,356,000	-\$3,092,000	-\$161,570,000
Massachusetts	-\$2,355,000	-\$3,908,000	-\$5,773,000	-\$5,418,000	-\$177,680,000
Michigan	-\$4,109,000	-\$6,927,000	-\$10,481,000	-\$3,877,000	-\$299,780,000
Minnesota	-\$2,044,000	-\$3,391,000	-\$2,688,000	-\$1,575,000	-\$91,953,000
Mississippi	-\$1,219,000	-\$2,003,000	-\$4,154,000	-\$2,979,000	-\$115,985,000
Missouri	-\$2,259,000	-\$3,743,000	-\$4,808,000	-\$3,777,000	-\$140,019,000
Montana	-\$374,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$38,520,000
Nebraska	-\$712,000	-\$1,168,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$43,811,000
Nevada	-\$782,000	-\$1,496,000	-\$1,716,000	-\$1,539,000	-\$61,860,000
New Hampshire	-\$500,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$31,138,000
New Jersey	-\$3,254,000	-\$5,668,000	-\$6,767,000	-\$4,683,000	-\$209,452,000
New Mexico	-\$807,000	-\$1,338,000	-\$2,995,000	-\$2,306,000	-\$98,793,000
New York	-\$7,369,000	-\$12,298,000	-\$32,669,000	-\$22,128,000	-\$966,049,000
North Carolina	-\$3,042,000	-\$5,391,000	-\$7,409,000	-\$6,595,000	-\$230,752,000
North Dakota	-\$260,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$30,811,000
Ohio	-\$4,556,000	-\$7,685,000	-\$10,385,000	-\$6,906,000	-\$310,254,000
Oklahoma	-\$1,401,000	-\$2,307,000	-\$3,636,000	-\$2,090,000	-\$129,655,000
Oregon	-\$1,332,000	-\$2,285,000	-\$3,506,000	-\$2,084,000	-\$98,013,000
Pennsylvania	-\$4,687,000	-\$7,816,000	-\$11,256,000	-\$5,863,000	-\$337,390,000
Rhode Island	-\$393,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$39,189,000
South Carolina	-\$1,591,000	-\$2,589,000	-\$4,362,000	-\$3,622,000	-\$138,007,000
South Dakota	-\$324,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$34,475,000
Tennessee	-\$2,186,000	-\$3,709,000	-\$5,303,000	-\$4,469,000	-\$160,994,000
Texas	-\$9,102,000	-\$15,927,000	-\$29,528,000	-\$21,707,000	-\$843,182,000
Utah	-\$1,087,000	-\$1,795,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,074,000	-\$53,383,000
Vermont	-\$242,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$27,820,000
Virginia	-\$2,726,000	-\$4,701,000	-\$5,199,000	-\$3,739,000	-\$195,225,000
Washington	-\$2,391,000	-\$4,058,000	-\$4,473,000	-\$2,633,000	-\$147,596,000
West Virginia	-\$642,000	-\$1,062,000	-\$2,514,000	-\$1,736,000	-\$66,968,000
Wisconsin	-\$2,192,000	-\$3,632,000	-\$4,120,000	-\$995,000	-\$128,256,000
Wyoming	-\$209,000	-\$1,011,000	-\$1,652,000	-\$1,131,000	-\$31,604,000

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